

Public Notice

Public Notice No. 04-03

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Application No. 5169600

Expiration: March 15, 2004

Please address all comments to: Nashville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch 3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY AND THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

SUBJECT: Proposed Floating Commercial Marina, Store/Restaurant/Gas Service Dock, Boat Ramp and Harbor Limits at Lone Mountain Creek Mile 0.1, Left Bank, Opposite Clinch River Mile 133.3, Right Bank, Norris Lake, Claiborne County, Tennessee

TO ALL CONCERNED: The application described below has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA).** Before a permit can be issued, certification must be provided by the state of Tennessee, Division of Water Pollution Control, pursuant to Section 401(a)(1) of the CWA, that applicable water quality standards will not be violated as a result of the fill associated with the boat ramp construction. By copy of this notice, the applicant hereby applies for the required certification.

APPLICANT: Triple Bar J Marina

c/o Mr. Guy Jenkins P.O. Box 3151

Lone Mountain, Tennessee 37773

LOCATION: Lone Mountain Creek Mile 0.1, Left Bank, Opposite Clinch River Mile 133.3, Right Bank, Norris Lake, Claiborne County, Tennessee lat 36°22'15.16" lon 83°35'31.5", Dutch Valley, TN Quadrangle

DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to construct floating commercial marina facilities, which include boat slips and a store/restaurant/gas dock structure, all within harbor limits to be established. A boat launching ramp would also be constructed. Included in the proposal is an associated upland parking lot. Existing upland facilities include an access road and raw water pump station. The water supply intake is located upstream of the proposal on the main river channel. The normal operating summer pool (nsp) of Norris Lake is Elevation 1020. The normal winter pool (nwp) is Elevation 980.

The proposed work is as follows:

a. Commercial Marina

The work consists of constructing floating dock structures divided into sections of covered/uncovered houseboat slips and covered/uncovered double-berth slips for smaller boats. Most of the dock facilities would fluctuate with the lake level, providing both summer and winter access. Sections A and B would be uncovered double-berthed slips capable of mooring 40 boats each. These sections would be grounded at winter pool. Sections C and D would be covered, each measuring 72' wide x 306' long and capable of mooring 12 houseboats. Section D would extend to a similar uncovered section attached to the floating store/restaurant platform (Section E) and would moor seven additional houseboats. There would also be six double-berth slips attached to the other side of Section E for additional moorage of smaller boats. Sections F-L would each measure 58' wide and would range in lengths from 160' (Section F) to 420' (Section L). These sections would be covered double-berthed slips capable of mooring 24 to 64 boats. Each section would have a walkway that would measure 6' wide x 30'-125' long to allow adjusting to accommodate elevation changes between nsp and nwp. During winter pool, Section L would be disconnected from the shoreline and anchored. These structures would be capable of mooring a total of 392 vessels.

b. Store/Restaurant/Gas Service Dock

The floating structure would measure 198' wide x 202' long with a 252' long walkway. It would house the store/restaurant, a covered breezeway, and two gas stations. The electric, water and gas utilities would be attached to the walkway.

c. Proposed Boat Ramp

The proposed ramp would begin at Elevation 1040 and extend down to Elevation 980 on a 13% slope. It would measure 20' wide x 264' long constructed of \sim 55 cubic yards (cy) of clean dirt and 4" of rock base fill along with \sim 100 cy of a 6" poured-in-place concrete surface. There would be an additional 25 cy of riprap which would armor the side slopes of the ramp to prevent undercutting. Of the total 180 cy of material, \sim 110 cy would be placed below nsp. Only minor grading would be required to achieve the desired slope. Grading and fill activities would be performed during winter drawdown in the dry.

d. New Harbor Limits

Harbor limits would be established to 1/3 of the cove as shown on the attached drawing. Harbor limits would be subject to TVA review and approval.

e. Upland Development

The upland work associated with this proposal includes construction of a gravel parking lot serving the entire commercial development.

Plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

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The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant

to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

In addition, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA (40 CFR Part 230). A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments may be used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments may also be used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. An Environmental Assessment will be prepared by this office prior to a final decision concerning issuance or denial of the requested Department of the Army Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and there are no known properties listed in or eligible for the National Register which may be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer.

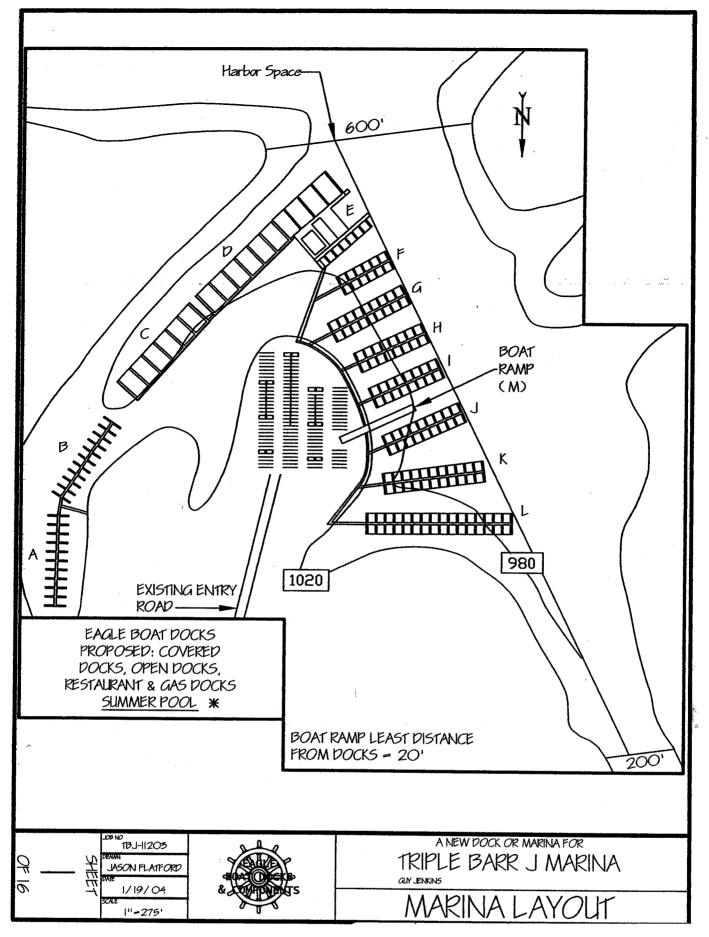
Based on available information, the proposed work will not destroy or endanger any Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act. Therefore, we have reached a no effect determination and initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

Other federal, state, and/or local approvals required for the proposed work are as follows:

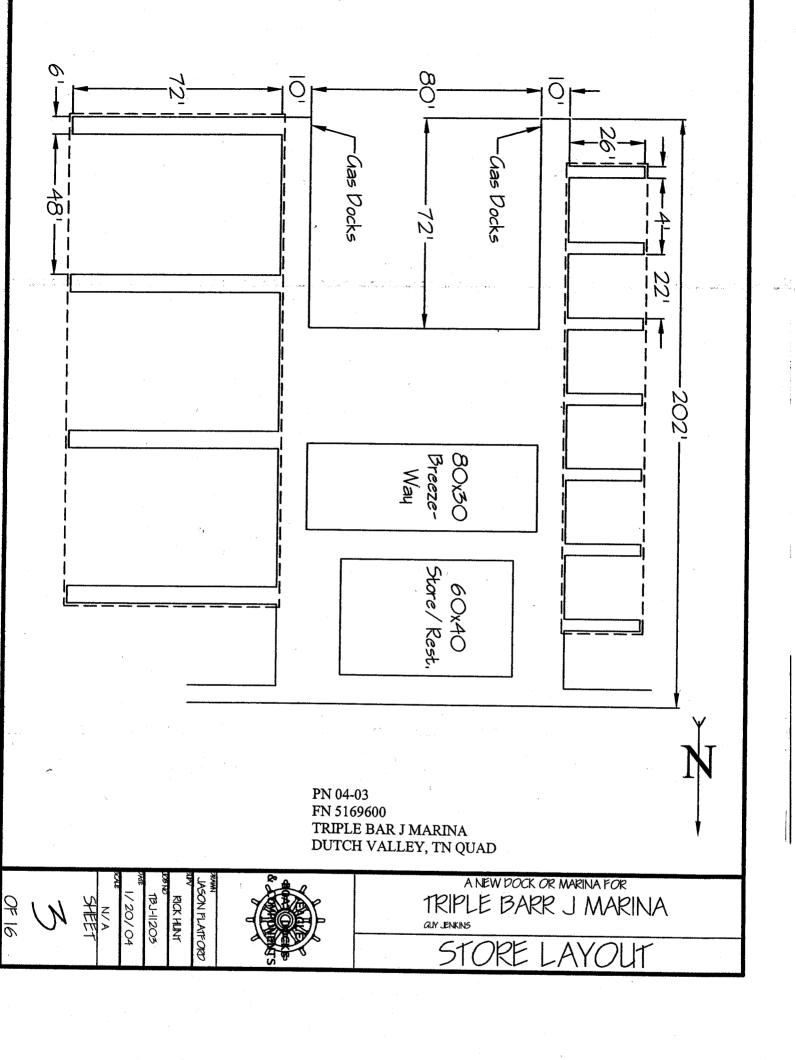
- a. Tennessee Valley Authority approval under Section 26a of the TVA Act. In addition to other provisions of its approval, TVA would require the applicant to employ best management practices to control erosion and sedimentation, as necessary, to prevent adverse aquatic impacts.
- b. Water quality certification from the State of Tennessee is required for fill activities in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

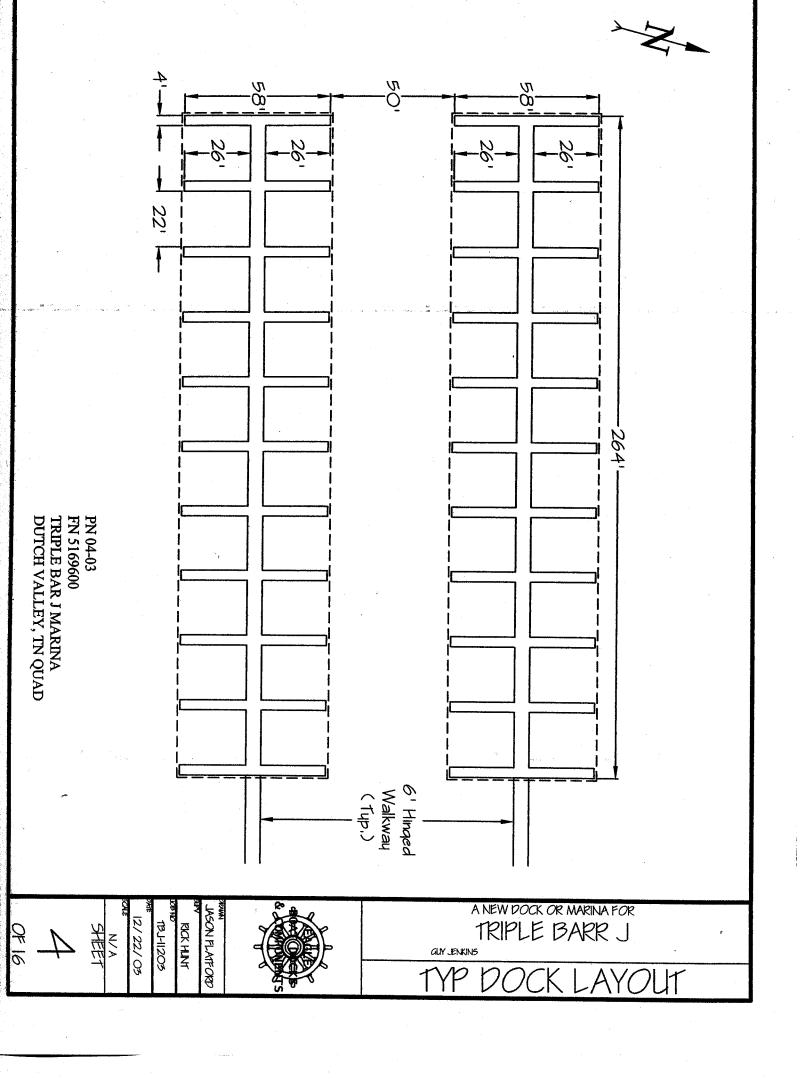
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written statements received in this office on or before **March 15, 2004** will become a part of the record and will be considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, Attention: Ms. Deborah T. Tuck, at the above address, telephone (615) 369-7518. It is not necessary to comment separately to TVA and TDEC since copies of all comments will be sent to those agencies and will become part of the record. However, copies of comments sent to TVA should be mailed to Ms. Linda Fowler, Clinch-Powell Watershed Team, P.O. Box 1589, ABL 1A-N, Norris, Tennessee 37828. Please send a copy of your comments relative to the §401 Water Quality Certification to Mr. Dan Eagar, Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control, 7th Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534, telephone (615) 532-0625.

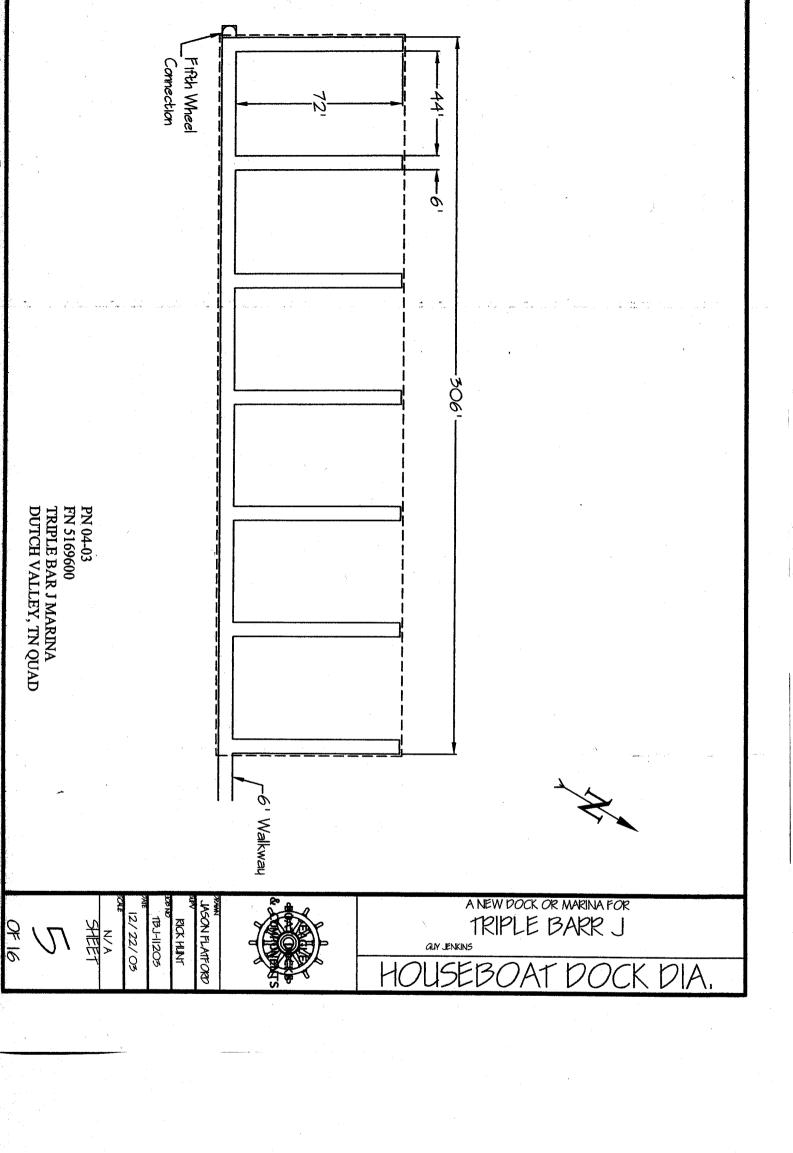


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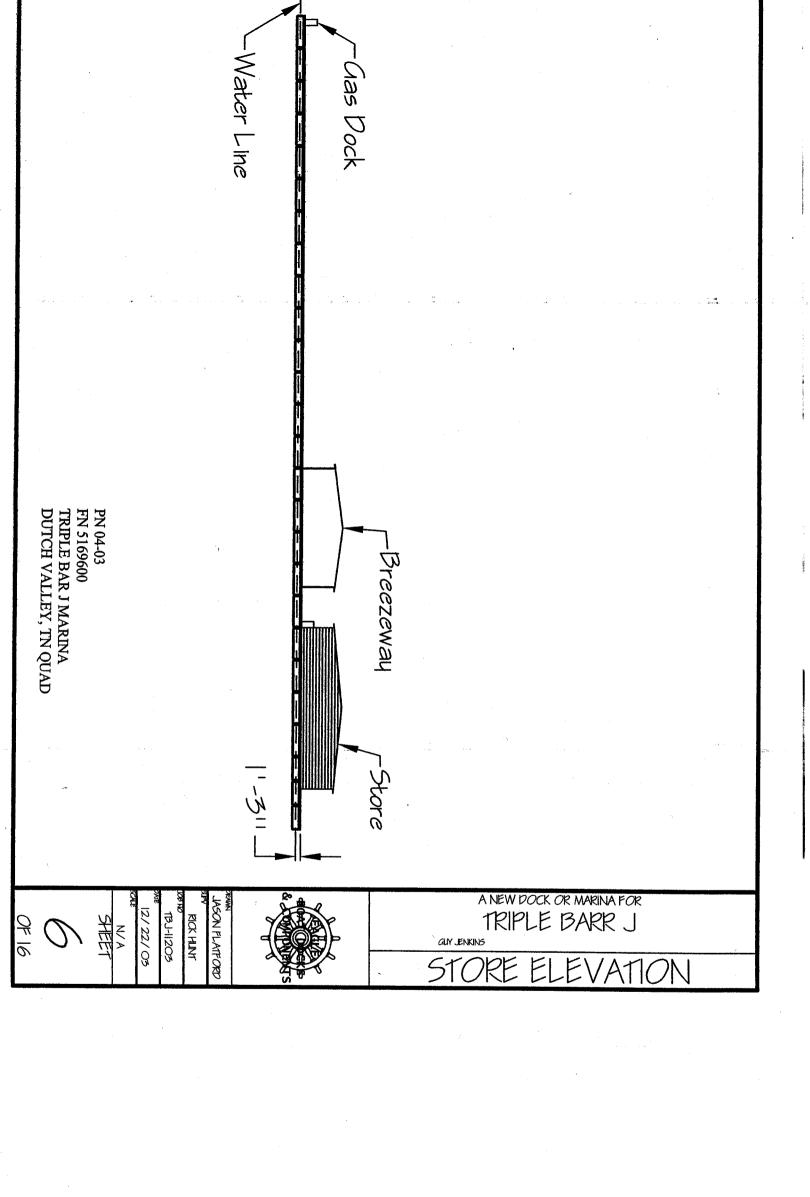


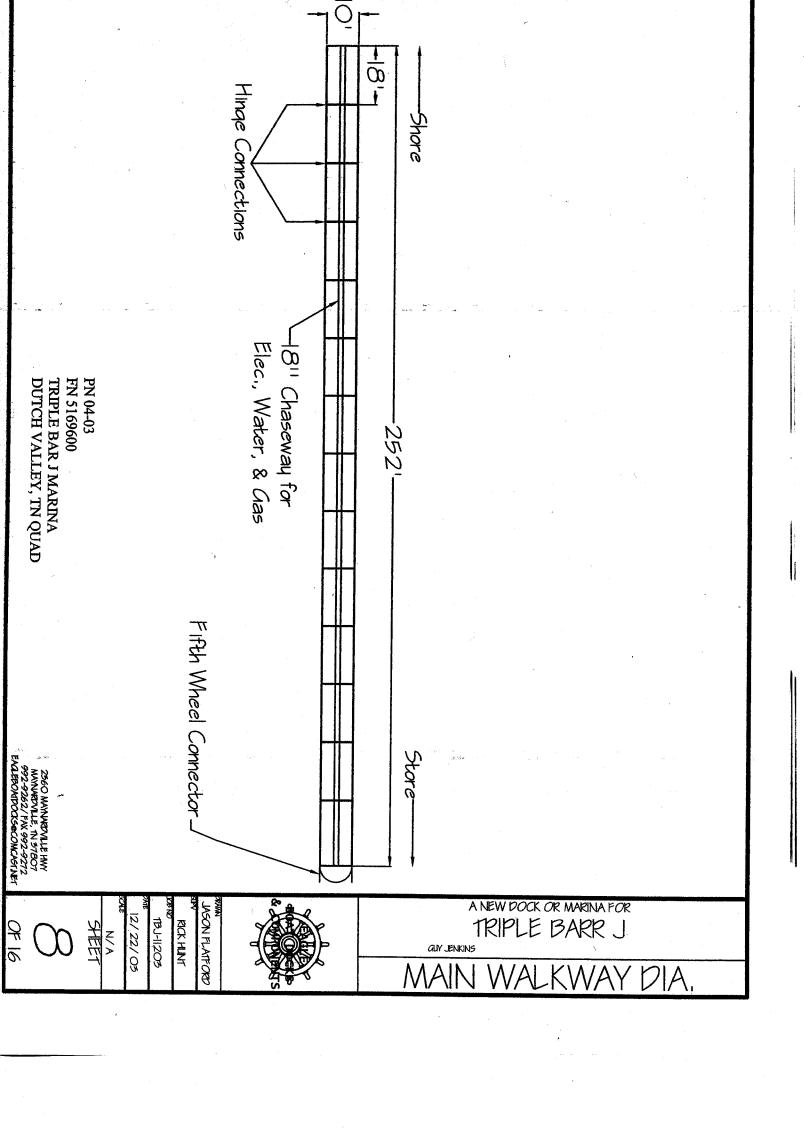


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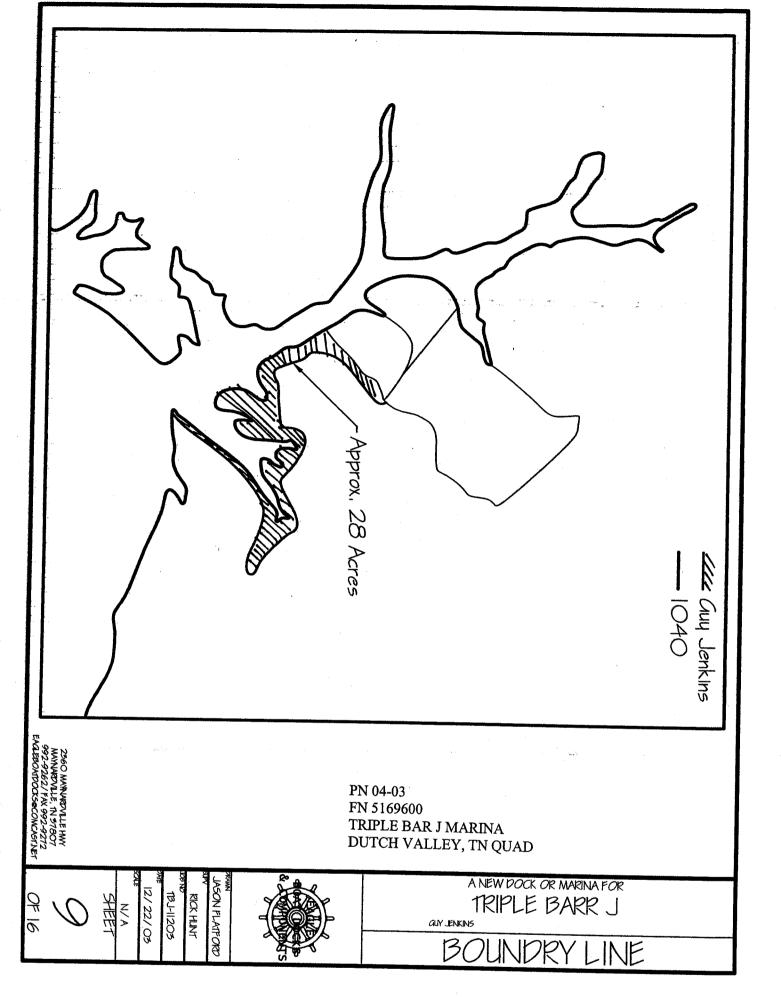


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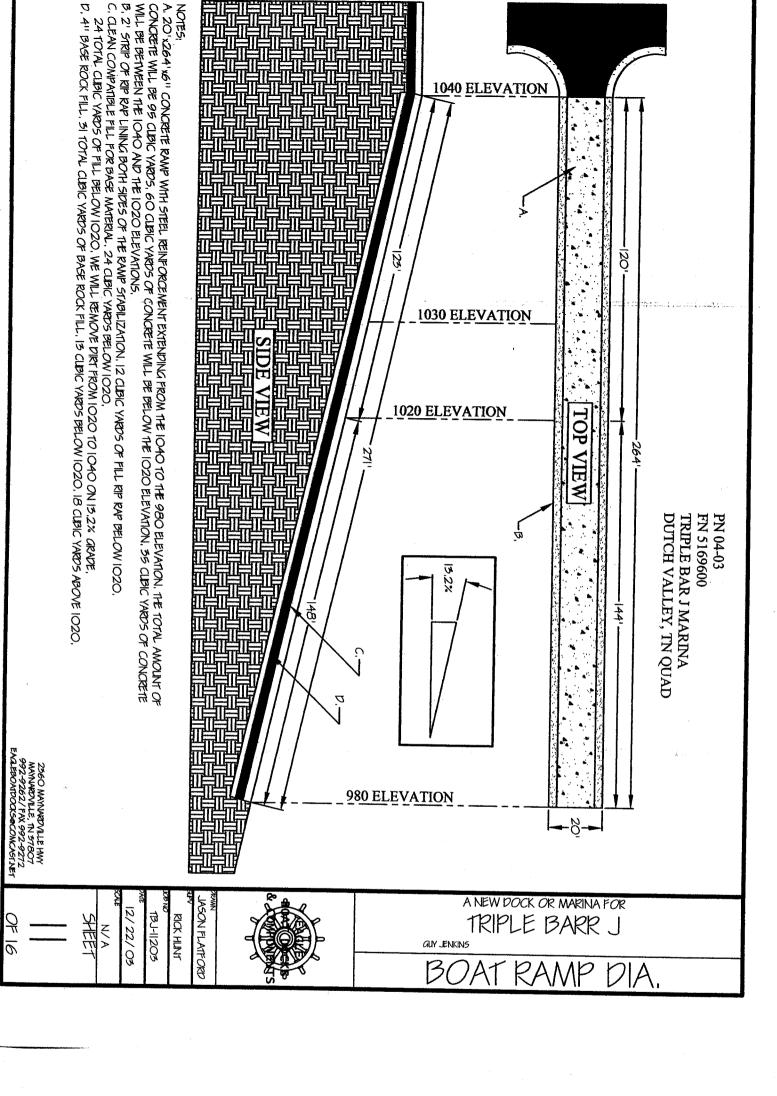




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